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Using Microsoft PowerPoint’s Animation

Have you ever tried to fit a long line of characters on a PowerPoint slide in a way that conveyed meaning to your viewers? Don’t break up long lines of information, such as equations or sequences, into incomprehensible bits on separate slides! Instead, use PowerPoint’s animation feature.

Why Animate?

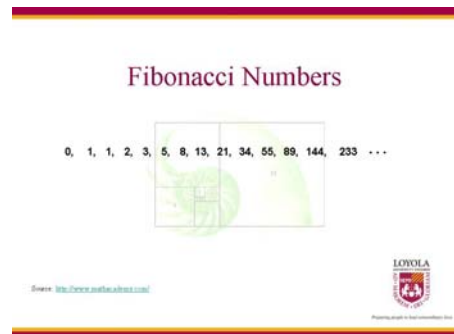
Let’s say you want to illustrate the [Fibonacci sequence](#). In order to show the sequence in a meaningful way, you might need to use a relatively long string for a PowerPoint slide. If you want to demonstrate the pattern and show how the sequence grows, it won’t make sense to break up the sequence in any way except possibly one number at a time, but that will take a lot of slides. The solution might be to use one slide and animate the numbers in the sequence to add them one at a time.

How to Animate

For instructions on how to animate text or objects in PowerPoint, go to Microsoft’s Office Online <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/powerpoint/HA100214971033.aspx> .

Examples

Here is an image of the sample PowerPoint slide posted with this document.



To see the animation on this slide in action, you will need to use a computer that has PowerPoint or the PowerPoint Viewer installed. Close this document and click on the PowerPoint slide titled Fibonacci.ppt, then click **Open**.

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